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FACT SHEET

What is CB-014-2022?

Prince George's County CB-014-2022 regulates the distribution of single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments by food facilities to customers.

When does this piece of legislation go into effect?

CB-014-2022 goes into effect on June 1, 2023.

Who will CB-014-2022 affect?

Any food service business operating in Prince George's County and its consumers.

Food service business means full-service restaurants, limited-service restaurants, fast food restaurants, cafés, delicatessens, coffee shops, supermarkets, grocery stores, vending trucks or carts, food trucks, cafeterias (including those operated by or on behalf of County departments and agencies), and other entities selling or providing prepared or ready-to-eat food within the County for consumption on or off the premises.

Third-party food ordering platform means any website, or another internet service that offers or arranges for the sale of prepared food and beverages, and the delivery or pickup of food and beverages from, food service businesses.

What if my business fails to comply with CB-014-2022?

Food facilities and third-party food delivery platforms in violation of the law may be subject to a fine:

- 1st-time violations will receive a warning.
- 2nd-time violations will result in a \$250 fine.
- 3rd-time violations will result in a \$500 fine.

What is the purpose of CB-014-2022?

- To reduce unnecessary waste generated from single-use disposable items in the retail food industry;
- Improve the health and safety of community members; and
- Help keep our waterways clean and safe.

What are single-use foodware accessories?

Single-use items, including straws*, utensils, condiment cups and packets, cup sleeves**, splash sticks, stirrers, and napkins, provided with ready-to-eat food and designed to be used once and then discarded.

What are the service requirements?

Dine-in/take-out orders:

Single-use foodware accessories and condiments will only be provided to customers upon request or at self-serve stations.

Online delivery orders:

Food facilities that use a third-party delivery platform must customize their menu with a list of single-use accessories/condiments that customers can request with their order.

When will violations be enforced?

The County will start enforcement of the regulation starting October 1, 2023. Businesses can contact DoECares@co.pg.md.us with questions or concerns.

**compostable and paper straws are allowed under County law*

***Cup sleeves are permitted as deemed necessary by a business*



To learn more about what the law requires and steps you can take to comply, visit: mypgc.us/singleuse